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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: LAWRENCE LUNT

REFS: LISBON 1845, 1846, 1851

1. PORTUGUESE FOREIGN OFFICE THINKING AS OUTLINED IN
REFTELS INDICATES THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE JUNTA MAY
RESPOND TO PRESSURES, PRESUMABLY GENERATED BY PRESS
REPORTS, FOR PERALTA'S UNILATERAL RELEASE. CONSIDERING
THE SOMEWHAT REMOTE CHANCE THAT THE CUBANS WILL NOW
REAFFIRM THEIR 1971 OFFER, YOU SHOULD CONVEY TO THE APPROP-
PRIATE VATICAN OFFICIAL THE SUBSTANCE OF REFTELS. YOU
SHOULD NOTE THAT PRESUMABLY HAVANA IS AWARE OF LISBON
PRESS REPORTING REGARDING PERALTA AND MAY WITHDRAW THE
1971 OFFER, BUT THAT THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES SUCH A WITH-
DRAWAL WOULD NOT PRECLUDE A FAVORABLE CUBAN RESPONSE TO
THE LUNT-PERALTA EXCHANGE OFFER, SHOULD THE JUNTA
EVENTUALLY AGREE TO MAKE THE EXCHANGE. THE DEPARTMENT
FEELS THAT THESE CONSIDERATIONS WOULD BE USEFUL TO ZACCHI

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IN MAKING HIS DECISION WHETHER OR NOT TO APPROACH THE

CUBANS AND HOPES VATICAN WILL PASS THEM ON TO HIM.

2. FURTHER TRAFFIC REGARDING THIS SUBJECT SHOULD BE
PASSED IN LIMDIS CHANNELS. RUSH

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